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CF-PSF3 Fire Marshall Enspections

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King County Fire Marshal's Office Attn: Paul Eichhorn Interim King County Fire Marshal 900 Oakdale Avenue SW, Suite 100 Renton, WA 98055-1219

Dear Mr. Eichhorn:

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It has come to our attention that the King County Fire Marshal's office has suspended the practice of performing fire code building inspections at the Airport Office Center, 9010 East Marginal Way South, and at the Midfield T Hangar Complex, 8700 East Marginal Way South, both located at King County International Airport. It is our understanding that this change of policy is the result of a determination that the property in question is located within the city limits of Tukwila and does not fall under the King County Fire Marshal's responsibility.

While the facilities are located in the City of Tukwila, this property is owned and operated by King County and comes under the purview of RCW 14.08.330. This statute directs that every airport and other air navigation facility controlled and operated by any municipality, or jointly controlled and operated pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall, subject to federal and state laws, rules and regulations, be under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the municipality or municipalities controlling and operating it.

It is our view that the responsibility to perform fire code inspections on all properties at KCIA remains within the King County Fire Marshal's Office. In this regard, we would respectfully request that the King County Fire Marshal's Office continue to perform this service.